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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"It is a matter of opinion. My hon. Friend is entitled to have his own."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"If my hon. Friend thinks there is nothing confidential in the circular, will he be pleased to place it on the Table of the House? It will remove a lot of doubts, I think."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I shall consider the suggestion."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"Does the Government suspect that this untouchability movement has got any political tinge in it?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The Government consider that the movement and the counter-movement have aroused considerable feeling in the country and clashes may occur at any time between the opposing parties, necessitating the intervention of officers of the Government, in order to maintain peace."

Police

Action of the Government on the reports relating to Police excesses in South Kanara.

* 48 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action the Government have taken on the reports of the District Magistrate of South Kanara and the Inspector-General of Police, Madras, made after enquiry held by them into the cases of Police excesses and illegalities during the last Civil Disobedience Movement in South Kanara in general and Mangalore in particular;

(*b*) whether the hon. Member will be pleased to place a copy of the reports on the table of the House; if not, will the hon. Member at least state what the nature of the reports is; and

(*c*) what the cause of the delay in passing the order is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The necessary disciplinary action has been taken against the Police officers whom the Government considered to have been at fault in dealing with manifestations of the Civil Disobedience Movement. The Government are not prepared to place copies of the reports on the table of the House, as they are confidential.

(*c*) The delay in taking departmental action against the officers concerned was due to the fact that some of the matters in respect of which enquiry had to be held were sub-judice for considerable periods.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know what the nature of the disciplinary action taken by the Government is and against which of the officers?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"On a former occasion I answered the question in this House about what we have done as regards the subordinate staff. I said on 22nd

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March last that disciplinary action has been taken against a sub-inspector and two constables in two cases. The orders of Government in other cases will issue on receipt of the Inspector-General's report following the departmental enquiry held by him at Mangalore. In reply to a further question as to the nature of the action taken, I said:

"The sub-inspector was reduced from the fourth grade to the fifth grade for six months and the constables' increments were withheld for six months. The report about the Superintendent of Police has been received and is being considered."

If my hon. Friend wants to know what has been done with regard to the Superintendent of Police, I may tell him that he was reduced by three places in the gradation list of the District Superintendents in the Presidency.

11-30 a.m. Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know as to what the charges are regarding which he was found guilty?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"The hon. Members know the reasons why the Government had to take disciplinary action. It is stated in general terms in the printed answer, namely: 'The necessary disciplinary action has been taken against the Police officers whom the Government considered to have been at fault in dealing with manifestations of the Civil Disobedience Movement'."

Report of the Inspector-General of Police in regard to Police excesses in Mangalore.

* 49 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he will lay on the table of the House the report of the Inspector-General of Police following the departmental enquiry held by him at Mangalore in regard to Police excesses; and

(*b*) whether the Government have passed any orders on this report?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 48.

Selection of candidates for the posts of Sub-Inspectors and Deputy Superintendents of Police.

* 50 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many have been selected for the posts of Sub-Inspectors of Police and Deputy Superintendents of Police since 1st January 1932; and

(*b*) to which community each of such men belongs?